

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

21. (original) A breathable laminate, comprising:
a breathable, stretch-thinned film including a mixture of filler particles and a biodegradable thermoplastic polymer, the film having voids formed around the filler particles to facilitate passage of water vapor through the film; and
a fibrous nonwoven web.
22. (original) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film and nonwoven web are adhesively bonded together.
23. (original) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film and nonwoven web are thermally bonded together.
24. (original) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the nonwoven web comprises a spunbond web.

KCC-1141

2

P300/clb

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

25. (original) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the nonwoven web comprises a meltblown web.

26. (original) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the nonwoven web comprises an air laid web.

27. (original) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the nonwoven web comprises a biodegradable polymer.

Claims 28-30 (canceled)

31. (original) A personal care article comprising the breathable laminate of Claim 21.

Claims 32 -34 (canceled)

35. (original) A medical article comprising the breathable laminate of Claim 21.

KCC-1141

3

P300/clb

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

36. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the biodegradable thermoplastic polymer is selected from polylactic acid polymers; polyesters of butanediol, adipic acid, succinic acid and/or terephthalic acid; and polycaprolactone polymers.

37. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the biodegradable thermoplastic polymer comprises a terpolymer of butanediol, terephthalic acid, and adipic acid.

38. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the filler particles comprise inorganic filler particles.

39. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 38, wherein the filler particles comprise calcium carbonate.

40. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the filler particles comprise organic filler particles.

KCC-1141

4

P300/c1b

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

41. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the filler particles comprise water-swellaable filler particles.

42. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the filler particles comprise biodegradable filler particles.

43. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 42, wherein the filler particles comprise a cyclodextrin.

44. (new) The breathable laminate film of Claim 21, wherein the film comprises about 5-80% by weight of the filler particles and about 20-95% by weight of the biodegradable polymer .

45. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film comprises about 20-40% by weight of the filler particles and about 60-80% by weight of the biodegradable polymer.

KCC-1141

5

P300/clb

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

46. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film comprises greater than 45% to about 80% by weight of the filler particles and about 20% to less than 55% by weight of the biodegradable polymer.

47. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film comprises about 50-65% by weight of the filler particles and about 35-50% by weight of the biodegradable polymer.

48. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film has been uniaxially stretched.

49. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 21, wherein the film has been biaxially stretched.

KCC-1141

6

P300/clb

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

50. (new) A breathable laminate, comprising:

a breathable, stretch-thinned film including a mixture of about 5-80% by weight filler particles and about 20-95% by weight of a terpolymer of butanediol, terephthalic acid and adipic acid, and having voids formed around the filler particles; and

a fibrous nonwoven web.

51. (new) A personal care article comprising the breathable laminate of Claim 50.

52. (new) A medical article comprising the breathable laminate of Claim 50.

53. (new) A breathable laminate, comprising:

a breathable, stretch-thinned multilayer film including a primary breathable layer and at least one skin layer, the primary breathable layer including a mixture of filler particles and a biodegradable thermoplastic polymer, and having voids formed around the filler particles to facilitate passage of water vapor; and

a fibrous nonwoven web.

KCC-1141

7

P300/clb

Serial No.: 10/036,106

Docket No.: KCC-15,891

54. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 53, wherein the biodegradable thermoplastic polymer is selected from polylactic acid polymers; polyesters of butanediol, adipic acid, succinic acid and/or terephthalic acid; and polycaprolactone polymers.

55. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 53, wherein the skin layer comprises a biodegradable polymer.

56. (new) The breathable laminate of Claim 53, wherein the skin layer further comprises filler particles, and has voids formed around the filler particles to facilitate the passage of water vapor.

57. (new) A personal care article comprising the breathable laminate of Claim 53.

58. (new) A medical article comprising the breathable laminate of Claim 53.

KCC-1141

8

P300/clb